

ATHLETICS

School Colors: Blue and White
School Mascot: Blue Flame
PHS Athletics are Region 1 AAAA

Men's Sports: 8

2022-2023 State Qualifier- Wrestling

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football,
Golf, Soccer, Track & Field

Women's Sports: 9

2022-2023 Region Champions- Basketball
2022-2023 Region Champions- Volleyball
2022-2023 Region & State Champions- Golf
2022-2023 Region (placed 1st) - Softball

Softball, Cheer, Soccer, Cross Country, Tennis
Track & Field

JROTC

Teams: Raiders (Adventure / Athletic), Air Rifle,
Drill & Ceremony, Academic / Leadership,
Weekly Physical Fitness

2022 1st & 2nd Place in Raider Competitions
2022 (3) Americanism Essay Winners

Ceremonies & Special Programs: Veteran's Day,
Flag Retirement, Drill & Ceremony Competitions,
Flags In, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Vietnam
Veterans Commemoration, Dining In / Dining
Out Formal

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

2021-2022 Musicians Selected to All-County Band
2022 Marching Band Grand Champ (Enka, NC)
2022 Bands of America Participant
2023 SCBDA State Finalist - 4th Place
2023 SCBDA Concert - Superior with Distinction
2023 Winterguard Scholastic Level- (4) 1st Place
2023 Winterguard Jr Varsity placed Scholastic AAA

Color Guard, Winter Guard, Jazz Band, Wind
Ensemble, Symphonic, Marching Band, Theater

DISTRICT

Pickens High School aligns its focus with the
vision of the superintendent, the school board
of Pickens County, and the community it serves.
PHS cooperates with the following feeder
schools:

Ambler Elementary Dacusville Middle
Dacusville Elementary Pickens Middle
Hagood Elementary
Pickens Elementary

COMMUNITY

located in the Upstate of South Carolina,
Pickens is located at the foothills of the Blue
Ridge Mountains. With a tradition of
hardworking, blue collar jobs, the community
takes pride in the future of its youth.

PHS VISION & MISSION

VISION: Ignite the blue flame of excellence in
every student by providing a safe, caring, and
rigorous academic school environment through
providing opportunities that enhance student
achievement.

MISSION: PHS strives to reach all students in a
caring environment that supplies students with
rigorous instruction, inspiring each to be of great
character, lifelong learners, and leaders in the
community and beyond.

STUDENT DATA

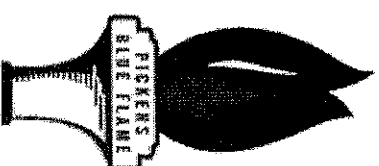
Enrollment: 1,331
Seniors: 332
Juniors: 276
Sophomores: 347
Freshmen: 376

Students on Free Lunch: 54%
Students on Reduced Lunch: 3%

Demographics:
87.8% White, 6.1% Hispanic, 3.7% Two or More Races,
2.3% Black, 0.1% Asian

PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLUE FLAME



Mr. Jeff Duncan, Principal

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2022 - 2023

Annual SIC Report to the Parents

Superintendent, Dr. Danny Merck



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

2022-2023 GOALS

- Show growth in membership
- Increase student involvement in the community
- Increase communication with families
- Improve literacy skills and improve college and career readiness

2022-2023 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Conner Bost, Chair & Teacher
 Fletcher Perry, Vice Chair & Community Partner
 Courtney Jarrett, Secretary
 Lenette Hernandez, SLC Coordinator
 Chor Burgner, Community Partner
 Ashley Butler, Teacher
 Erin Wilson, Teacher
 Shannon Haskett, Parent
 Ted Tollman, Parent
 Melille Couch, Student Body President
 Tanna Stewart, Student Newspaper Editor

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

Administrators: 4
 Faculty: 95
 Staff: 28
 Teacher Retention: 99%
 Certified Teachers: 100%
 Teachers with a Master's Degree or Higher: 77%

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Career & Technology Education (CTE)
 English
 Fine Arts
 Mathematics
 Performing Arts
 Physical Education / ROTC
 Science
 Social Studies
 Special Education
 World Languages

SC COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Pickens High School strives for all students to be prepared for success after graduation. Students must earn **one** of the following qualifiers:

- College
- 20 or higher on the ACT
 - 6 hours of dual credit with a grade of "C" or higher
 - 1020 on SAT
 - Score a 3 or higher on an AP exam

- Career
- Approved SC work-based learning
 - Earn Silver status or higher on WIN test
 - Earn a score of 31 or higher on ASVAB test
 - Earn CTE completor on one of the pathways

2022 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS DATA

Career Readiness Exam Passing Rate: 84%
 College / Career Ready: 77%
 Students Attending Career Center: 36%
 Students Participating in Work-Study: 13%
 Students Participating in Dual Enrollment: 8%

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION DATA & AWARDS

Graduation Rate- 78%
 Class of 2022 Scholarship Totals: \$3.4 Million
 Palmetto Fellows: 14
 LIFE Scholarships: 153
 Hope Scholarships: 19
 Military Enlistments: 11
 Palmetto Girls State Participants: 6
 Palmetto Boys State Participants: 5

SC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECTS	UNITS REQUIRED
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
US History	1
Economics	0.5
Government	0.5
Social Studies	1
PE or ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Foreign Language	1
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives	6.5
TOTAL	24

2022 EOC EXAM DATA

PHS Average	Algebra 1	SDPC Average
62%	70%	
67%	Biology 1	68%
76%	ENGLISH 2	77%
61%	U.S. HISTORY	60%

Standardized Test Averages:

ACT - 21 SAT - 1046

AP Exam Passing Rates:

58%	English Language	67%	Biology
60%	Calculus AB	33%	Spanish
26%	Macroeconomics	32%	Government
86%	Studio Art	30%	US History
57%	Human Geography	36%	World History
100%	English Literature	100%	Art 3D
100%	Art 2D		